Abolishing the duty on copra and coir.

95 * **MR. P. K. KUMARAN**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any representations for abolishing the duty on copra and coir;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether the Government propose to take any steps on those representations, and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the negative, the reasons for the same?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) As a result of the representations Government have reduced the duty on copra with effect from 1-1-1110.

(*c*) Government consider that in view of the finances of the State and the condition of the cocoanut oil and mats and matting industries in the State, the duty on the commodities cannot be abolished or reduced still further.

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